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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE JULY 10, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find our Amendment in Response to the July 10, 2008 Office Action. A response was due October 10, 2008. A Petition for a Two month Extension of Time to December 10, 2008 and the requisite fee are enclosed. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claim** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 12 of this paper.